SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Flynn A. Johnson, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia, that the foregoing "Declaration of Flynn A. Johnson," consisting of four (4) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 4th day of fail, 1994.

Flynn A. Johnson

DECLARATION OF LOUIS S. MARTIN

- 1. My name is Louis St. Claire Martin. I am now eighteen years old and I am the president of the Holy Ghost and Fire Ministry, located at 176 Meadowood Square, Lithonia, Georgia 30038. I reside at the same address. I am also a senior at Lithonia Senior High School and will graduate this year. I am an African-American.
- 2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area for five years, and I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the benefits which the programming provided by WHSG-TV has provided the community during the WHSG-TV's last license term, from February 23, 1991 through the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "License Term").
- 3. I organized the Holy Ghost and Fire Ministry in early 1991 when I was 15 years old. Since I am still a student it is a part-time ministry, to which I devote about 20 to 25 hours a week. The Holy Ghost and Fire Ministry is an evangelistic ministry in which I preach and hold revivals at various churches in the area. We often work with the young people, the teenagers and young adults at a particular church, but our ministry is not limited to that age group.
- 4. I have been a regular watcher of WHSG-TV programming since it came on the air in 1991, watching some programming every day. During the License Term I was able to watch a great deal of programming that I was responsive to the needs of the community,

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and particularly of the young people in the community. For example, from February through October 5, 1991 WHSG-TV broadcast the half Josh McDowell Show at either 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons and again at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. October only the Saturday morning shows were broadcast. The Josh McDowell Show was specifically created to minister to the needs of teenagers. At times Mr. McDowell would interview a guest, or the show would be staged at a school were students were part of the show. Every show that I saw dealt with issues that were important in a teenager's life, such as: the dangers of drugs and alcohol; the problems created by teenage sexuality, such as sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies; gangs and school violence; how to deal with peer pressure; and, how to deal with problems and situations nonviolently. Many programs also talked about issues such as a teenager's changing relationship with his or her parents, and how to deal with siblings in the family. Other programs encouraged teenagers to do well in school, and talked about how a teenager could do well in school. Again, the show was specifically geared to deal with teen issues.

5. Another show that I thought was particularly geared to the needs of teenagers, particularly the problems of many African-American teenagers, was the <u>Mike Barber Show</u>. This show was broadcast on Saturdays between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. and rebroadcast at 2;30 a.m. on Wednesday morning throughout the License Term. In this show Mr. Barber would regularly go to prisons to talk with both men and women, usually young men and women, about the problems

and issues in their lives that got them into prison, such as a poor family life, abuse, drugs and alcohol addiction, gang membership and violence. These young men and women would then share how they dealt with their problems, such as drug and alcohol abuse, and turned their lives around.

- 6. One program that I watched which seemed particularly responsive to the needs of the African-American community was the Carlton Pearson Show, an hour long show broadcast on Sunday night at 1:30 a.m. throughout the License Term. Rev. Pearson preached at his church, an African-American church, and often powerfully addressed the problems that affect the African-American community, such as family break-up, violence, and drug and alcohol addiction. On several occasions Rev. Pearson and Mike Barber cooperated and linked up with a joint prison ministry that showed the result that these problems often has on young people.
- 7. I know that much of the programming broadcast on WHSG-TV has an impact on people's lives. For example, I knew a young man in my school who was a "gangster." He hung around with the wrong people at the wrong time, and got into alcohol and drug abuse. During January 1992, this young man was affected by TBN's (WHSG-TV) message of hope and encouragement to shed the things that keep you in bondage, that on that night he decided to change his life. He has given up his gang membership and gang friends, given up drugs and alcohol, and is trying to live on the straight and narrow. I have also known of many similar situations during the License Term, particularly with young people, in which a young person who was

troubled, and using drugs and alcohol, saw a program on the station which convinced them to change their lives and get help for their problem.

SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Louis St. Claire Martin, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia, that the foregoing "Declaration of Louis S. Martin," consisting of four (4) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 31 day of June, 1994

Louis St. Claire Martin

DECLARATION OF LARRY J. MASSEY

- 1. My name is Larry Joe Massey. I am presently a loan originator and the Pastor of Gospel Tabernacle Ministries, located at P. O. Box 1232, Douglassville, Georgia, 30133. I reside at 2903 Voque Drive, Douglasville, Georgia, 30134.
- 2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area since 1972, and I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions made to the community's welfare by WHSG-TV, Monroe, Georgia, during its last license term, from February 23, 1991 through the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "License Term").
- 3. During the License Term I was working as the Outreach Minister of The Lithia Springs Church of God in Lithia Springs, Georgia. As part of our outreach ministry my wife and I held weekly seminars at the Parkway Medical Center which were then called "Singles Again Support Groups." This ministry was designed to encourage those who had gone or were going through the trauma of divorce, and describe strategies for trying to put their lives together. We also held weekly social activities in conjunction with the support group.
- 4. During the License Term Mrs. Massey and I were regular viewers of WHSG-TV programming, meaning that we watched some programming almost every night. Much of the programming we watched we found very helpful in our ministry to the newly divorced.

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Various guests on <u>The Praise the Lord</u> show would often discuss family problems, how to deal with some of these problems, and how to seek help to deal with these problems. We often used the information about where to go for help, and how to deal with particular problems in a relationship, in our counseling ministry. We also got some excellent information, which we shared with those we counselled, on the <u>Kenneth Copeland Show</u>.

- Other programs we saw on channel 63 also were very helpful to us or addressed an issue or problem that someone in our congregation or in the community were struggling with. several programs of Calling Dr. Whittaker when important health issues such as nutrition and cancer prevention were discussed. saw many programs, particularly on Praise the Lord, where people who had been delivered from alcohol or drug addiction described the steps they took to liberate themselves from their addiction. Viewers not only became acquainted with the various strategies and agencies available to help, but were shown in a concrete way that there was hope for those who are addicted. We also often watched A Call To Action during which issues concerning education were often discussed. I recall watching a Call To Action show broadcast on October 14, 1991, where Jay Sekulow discussed the history of the problems in the public schools with a panel. The discussion also covered the rights of Christians to pray in public schools and use school facilities for prayer meetings and services.
- 6. The distinctive quality of the programs that I have described above is not that the programs discussed a specific

problem in the community, but the constant emphasis on describing and highlighting agencies and ministries where one could go to get help with a particular problem.

7. Mrs. Massey especially received useful information from watching Dr. Reginald Cherry's program when he discussed high blood pressure, PMS, menopause and cancer fighting foods.

SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Larry Joe Massey, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia, that the foregoing "Declaration of Larry J. Massey," consisting of three (3) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 3-29 day of March, 1994.

March , 1994.

Larry Joe Massey

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE RENEWAL GRANT OF WHSG-TV, MONROE, GEORGIA

My name is REGINA MURPHY. I live at 37% WESCEY VIGOR (give your address,
which must be within the channel 63 service area).
watching WHSG-TV, channel 63 on a regular basis, at least A hours
per day, since it came on the air February 22, 1991, and continuing
through March 1, 1992. Indeed, I have continuously watched channel
63, although I am here confining my comments to the February 22, 1991 -
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experience that has helped me deal with my problems.
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What I have described is true. I give this testimony under penalty
of perjury of laws of the state of Georgia, and I understand that this
completed form will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commis-
sion in connection with WHSG-TV's renewal application. Signature Murphy
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DECLARATION OF EARL P. PAULK

- 1. My name is Earl P. Paulk. I am the Pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Chapel Hill Harvester Church, 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Georgia 30034. I reside at 3707 Cherry Ridge Boulevard, Decatur, Georgia 30034.
- 2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area for over 40 years, and I am submitting this Declaration to the Federal Communications Commission to provide it with my testimony concerning the benefits to the community offered by the programming service that WHSG-TV provided during the license term that lasted from February 23, 1991 through the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "the License Term").
- 3. I have been the pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit for over 34 years, and through the International Communion of Charismatic Churches, I am a Bishop presiding over 200 churches. I have been broadcasting on TV stations in the Atlanta area since 1951, and my television program has appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN") for over 10 years. I am a founder, a director, and a member of the Executive Committee of CUGM (Churches Uniting in Global Missions), an evangelistic ministry associated with Dr. Robert Schuller. I am also a founder and director of the International Charismatic Bible Ministries at Oral Roberts University.
- 4. The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit is a large church with over 10,000 members. We often have 8,000 people attend a service. The church is one of the largest integrated churches in Atlanta, with a congregation which contains Caucasians, African-Americans,

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Hispanics and Asian-Americans. During the License Term the congregation was probably fairly evenly divided between Caucasians and minorities.

- 5. Our church is involved in many outreach ministries which provide needed services to the community we serve, only a few of which I will describe. We have a 24-hour prayer partner line, of which I will address below. Our church sponsors the "Overcomers Program" which is a support group that generally follows the 12step path of AA which meets every Monday night. The Overcomers Program is designed to help those with drug and alcohol addiction problems, problems with smoking or overeating, or any compulsive and destructive behavior. Over 11,000 people have participated in the Overcomers Program through the years. Through "Joseph's Storehouse", our church provides food and clothing to the needy, and hundreds of toys to children during the holiday season. church received one of the "Thousand Points of Light Award" from President Bush for its efforts in providing low cost housing and ministering to those in housing projects. We work closely with two inter-city public housing projects, Bankhead Courts, with 500 occupied units, and East Lake Meadows with 700 occupied units plus the high rise units for senior citizens. In our immediate community we have built 60 low cost condominiums, and we have been supportive of the Atlanta Project with President Carter.
- 6. Our church also has an educational ministry. The Earl Paulk Institute provides schooling for children in grades K through 12, and the Life Skills School provides people with a variety of educational support services, including basic literacy training,

teaching people to read, teaching people how to write a resume and look for a job and other real life skills. Our church has a prison ministry and a ministry to young people who are in gangs, in trouble with the law, or in danger of getting in trouble with the law.

During the License Term our church broadcast a program on TBN which was locally viewed on WHSG-TV from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. During our program prayer counselors were available, and a phone number which people could call was posted on the screen. I have absolutely no doublt that the broadcast of our program on WHSG-TV greatly benefited the members of the community. Our broadcast program gave us the opportunity to acquaint the community with the ministry services that our church provides, including the housing, educational, food, prison and other ministries. On each program we do a segment that highlights the services offered by one of our ministries. For example, during one program we might highlight the church's housing ministry and describe the services our housing ministry provides. On another program we might highlight the Life Skills educational program. These segments give people information about where they can go for help, if help is needed. For example, parents see our program and learn about our Overcomers Program. This information gives them a place to go if their child is, for example, struggling with a drug or alcohol problem. We emphasize that our ministries are available to anyone who is in need, that there is no religious test to qualify for help at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

- 8. One measure of how the broadcast of our program on WHSG-TV impacted the community was that we received a large number of calls during our broadcast, most of which were requests for prayer or to be put on a mailing list. About 10 percent of the calls were people who had watched our program and wanted help from one of the ministries we publicized on the program. We keep a record of the number of new people who come to our church or its ministries, and why they cpme to us. During the License Term from 25 to 50 new people a month were coming to Joseph's Storehouse, the Life Skills literacy program, or, particularly, our Overcomers Program, and receiving help, because they had learned of the program watching WHSG-TV. During the License Term a high percentage of people who enter the Overcomers Program with drug or alcohol abuse problems came to us because they responded to a program on WHSG-TV.
- 9. Although the program is broadcast nationally, our emphasis in our ministry is strictly local. We feel that we give the network an opportunity to look in on a vital and ministering local church. Because of the TV ministry we receive gifts of food and clothing, and toys during the holiday season that feed hundreds of people monthly and provide some Christmas cheer to hundreds of families at Christmas.
- 10. As noted above, as part of our local emphasis each program, in addition to or as part of the preaching, deals with the social and material needs of the people in Atlanta to whom we minister. During the License Term our preaching and our program regularly deal with the issues of crime and poverty, child and spouse abuse, drug and alcohol addiction, violence and other

problems and issues that were afflicting the community.

- programming, watching at least several times a week. I saw other programs on WHSG-TV which were particularly responsive to the needs of Atlanta. For example, I often watched the <u>Praise the Lord</u> show during the License Term, and it many times included interviews with people who were discussing the problems of public housing, the poor and needy, health issues and alcohol and drug abuse. Another program, <u>A Call to Action</u>, hosted by Atlanta attorney Jay Sekulow, dealt with important issues in education, such as religious freedom, Bible study and prayer in schools.
- 12. The primary public purpose served by WHSG-TV is that is provided my church, and other ministries, with an opportunity to tell people where they could go for help with their problems. Church and volunteer organizations are, with government, the only agencies available to meet people's needs for emergency food help, low cost housing, literacy training, drug and alcohol counseling, and WHSG-TV gave these ministries and organizations an opportunity to be heard. Our church has also learned that many of the most needy people are those that can only be reached through television, because they are not connected to a family, neighborhood or church that can help them in their time of need. WHSG-TV allows our church and others like it to extend a helping hand to our community.